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Grad School produces 44 new graduate degree holders



The Graduate School yields 44 new graduate degree holders on the 2nd semester of school year 2016-2017 during the 64th Commencement Exercises on June 14, 2017 at the VSU Upper Oval grounds.

The Master of Science (MSc) program had the highest number of

of graduates with 33, followed by the Master of Management (MM) program which had five graduates, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program with three, Master in Education (MEd) program with two, and Master in Land Administration and Management (MLAM) program with one.

Ms. Ella Lois T. Bestil, a MSc major in Development Communication candidate, was also given recognition during the President's Tribute held on the same day at the VSU Convention Center for achieving the highest grade point average (GPA) of 1.16 among the 44 graduate students.

VSU appoints new Grad School dean



Visayas State University (VSU) appoints Dr. Anabella B. Tulin as the new dean of the Graduate School from January to December 2017.

Dr. Tulin is a University Professor in VSU and currently connected with the Philippine Rootcrops Research Center. Her

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Grad Faculty approves 6 grad curricular proposals



The graduate faculty approves six 6 graduate curricular proposals during the VSU Graduate Faculty Meeting held on April 20, 2017 at the VSU Convention Center.

The proposals were to offer (1) Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy, (2) Doctor of Philosophy in Soil Science, (3) Master of Science in Statistics, (4) Master of Science in Chemistry, (5) Master of Science in

Biology, and (6) Master of Science in Development Communication in lieu of the Master of Science major in Development Communication to comply with the CHED CMO No. 26 series of 2011.

The said proposals will then undergo review and revisions from the VSU University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and then the

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VSU lauds 34 Grad Students honors



Visayas State University (VSU) recognized thirty four (34) graduate students during the annual 2017 Awards and Honors Convocation held on May 2, 2017 at the VSU Gymnatorium for making it to the President's and Deans Lists. They are as follows:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Second Semester, SY 2015-2016

1. Melogen Bandalan
M.Sc. in Food Science & Technology

First Semester, SY 2016-2017

1. Cyrill John Godinez
M.Sc. in Animal Science
2. Karl Marlou Bentaculo
M.Sc. in Food Science and Technology

DEAN'S LIST

Second Semester, SY 2015-2016

1. Ria Jayne A. Tabinas
M.Sc. in Food Science and Technology

2. Demavanessa Tampus
M.Sc. in Agronomy
3. Getulio A. Barcenas, Jr.
Ph.D. in Horticulture
4. Ma. Norfrelj Cuadra
M.Sc. in Food Science and Technology
5. Wences Rey B. Dela Peña
M.Sc. in Agronomy
6. Ann Gellie P. Pablo
M.Sc. in Food Science and Technology
7. Snowie Jane C. Galgo
M.Sc. in Soil Science
8. Nida B. Ratilla
M.Sc. in Plant Protection
9. Reciel Ann B. Tanaid
M.Sc. in Food Science and Technology
10. Glaiza Vallejera
M.Sc. in Plant Pathology

First Semester, SY 2016-2017

1. Jason D. Braga
M.Sc. in Food Science and Technology
2. Abundio G. Cabahug, Jr.
M.Sc. in Agronomy

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New Grad School dean meets Grad students



VSU graduate students got acquainted with the new Graduate School (GS) dean, Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, during the Graduate Students General Assembly for the 2nd semester of SY 2016-2017 held on February 24, 2017 at the Department of Soil Science Room 119.

Dr. Tulin introduced herself and the rest of the GS staff first before the orientation proper. She then discussed the Graduate School policies and guidelines based on the approved Graduate School Code. She also discussed some scholarship opportunities here and abroad.

Dr. Tulin is looking forward to the internationalization of the graduate education here in VSU to compete with top-universities and research institutions abroad.

MS Soil Science student is Phi Delta outstanding graduate thesis awardee

Mr. Miguel Francisco B. Abulencia, MSc Soil Science student, was awarded with the 2017 Phi Delta Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award during the President's Tribute held on June 14, 2017 at the VSU Convention Center.

Mr. Abulencia's research was entitled "Carbon and Nitrogen Stocks and Soil Dynamics of



Degraded Land One year after Restoration using *Acacia mangium* Willd and *Pterocarpus indicus* Willd". His thesis adviser was Dr. Angela Almendras-Ferraren of the

Department of Soil Science.

Together with the five other undergraduate theses, his research was recognized by the Phi Delta Honor Society of Science (PDHSS) for their innovative and vital contribution to the body of knowledge.

Mr. Abulencia, a 2014 BS in Agriculture graduate, was also a board placer in the 2017 Agriculturists nailing it to the 10th place.

3 PhD students present dissertation



Three (3) doctoral students presented their thesis dissertation during the Graduate School public presentation held on May 29, 2017 at the Department of Soil Science Room 119.

The first presenter was Mr. Wilson U. Llegunas Jr., a Ph.D. Horticulture major student. Mr. Llegunas' study was entitled "Productivity and Quality of Aquaponically Grown Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.), Kale

(*Brassica oleracea* L. var. *alboglabra*) and Tarragon (*Artemisia dracuncululus* L.) Supplemented with different Nutrient Solutions. His Graduate Curriculum Committee (GAC) was composed of Dr. Rosario A. Salas, as chair, Dr. Zenaida C. Gonzaga, Dr. Marlou M. Benitez and Dr. Lijueraj J. Cuadra.

The second presented was Ms. Darlyn B. Posas, also a Ph.D. Horticulture major student. Ms.

Posas' study was entitled "Growth, Yield and Postharvest Quality of Brassica Crops applied with different Organic Nutrient Solutions grown under Aggregate Hydroponic System". Her GAC was composed of Dr. Rosario A. Salas, as chair, Dr. Zenaida C. Gonzaga, Dr. Marlou M. Benitez and Dr. Melinda L. Lavega.

The last presenter was Ms. Merlyn N. Rojas, a Ph.D. Animal Science major student. Ms. Rojas' dissertation was entitled "Supplementation of Madre de Agua (*Trichanthera gigantea* Nees) Based Seaweed-Fortified Pellets on Pre-weaning and Growing Goats". Her GAC was composed of Dr. Lolito C. Bestil, as chair, Dr. Dinah M. Espina, Dr. Julius V. Abela and Dr. Antonia Cecilia Y. Sandoval.

Public presentation is required for doctoral students in accordance to the VSU School Code of 2014.

Food Tech graduate students attend training-workshop in Thailand



Food Science and Technology master's students attended a 12-day food value chain training-workshop at the Kasetsart University, Thailand from January 30 to February 10, 2017.

Hadji Jigs Emnace, Anne Gellie Pablo, Receil Ann Tanaid and Leilani Valdevieso represented the Philippines in the international gathering together with Dr. Lynette Cimafranca, Department

of Food Science and Technology instructor.

Representatives from the different Southeast Asian countries gathered to discuss and learn ways to revolutionize food production from leading food and agriculture companies in Japan. The training-workshop aimed to help improve the food value chain in ASEAN-member countries.

Grad School holds office blessing



The Office of the Graduate School held an office blessing on February 6, 2017 in lieu of the recent passing of OGS' Administrative Aide, Ms. Cecil Joy Duatin, last December 2016.

Led by Rev. Fr. Ando Bañoc of the Holy Parish Church, the blessing was attended by the VSU president, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, Graduate School staff, faculty and students.

Czech Prof invites VSU students to study in Czech



Engr. Ladislav Kokoska of Czech University of Life Sciences (CULS) invites the VSU students to pursue graduate study in their university in Prague during the orientation of their university, CLUS, held on May 4, 2017 at the 2nd floor, CCE building.

Engr. Kokoska featured CULS course offerings, world class

facilities and laboratories. He was with his students and colleagues, Tomas Kudera, Marketa Novokova and Johana Rondevaldova. The event was facilitated by the Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, and staff. It was attended by both VSU graduate and undergraduate students and faculty.

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3. Uriel Maglines
M.Ed. in English
4. Alfredo Neri
M.Sc. in Agricultural Engineering
5. Gerry May Añonuevo
M.Sc. in Soil Science
6. Manuel D. Elatico
Ph.D. in Ag. Education
7. Marjorie Elbiña
M.Sc. in Forestry
8. Altis Jane L. Luchavez
M.Ed. in English
9. Medardo C. Magdadaro, Jr.
M.Sc. in Soil Science
10. Jenifer Marie Mosuelo
M.M. in Agribusiness Mgt.
11. Loreme Cagande
M.Sc. in Agronomy
12. Glaiza Calubiran
M.Sc. in Ag. Extension
13. Julius B. Comaling
M.Sc. in Forestry
14. Leif Marvin Gonzales
Ph.D. in Horticulture
15. Katherine D. Padilla
M.Sc. in Ag. Engineering
16. Irene Plimaco
M.M. in Business Mgt.
17. Mica G. Binongo
M.Sc. in Soil Science

18. Jessa Nuñez
M.Sc. in Forestry
19. Kenneth Oraz
M.Sc. in Soil Science
20. Maryvic Pedrosa
M.Sc. in Soil Science
21. Froline S. Red
M.M. in Agribusiness Mgt.

The three (3) graduate students who are in President's List are those who had an academic load of 9-12 units, with no incomplete grade and had a grade point average (GPA) of 1.00 – 1.25. On the other hand, the graduate students who are in the Dean's List are those who had an academic load of 9-12 units, with no incomplete grade and had a GPA of 1.251-1.5.

The guest speaker, Engr. Ramon R. Barbosa, inspired both the graduate and undergraduate student honorees and awardees to work hard and not just to rely on intelligence. Engr. Barbosa is currently the Regional Manager of the Philippine Coconut Authority and was the VSU 1983 Endeavor Awardee.

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fields of specialization are in Soil Chemistry, Mineralogy, Plant Nutrition, Soil Fertility, Soil microbiology and Soil Biotechnology, Farmers– scientists Participatory Approach, Farmer's Field School, Integrated Soil and Crop Management, and Indigenous Knowledge Systems. She is also a visiting professor at the University of South Pacific Alafua.

Dr. Tulin is the wife of the VSU University President, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, and a mother to three children, Ea Kristine Clarisse, Edelle Marie, and Edrian Paolo.

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University Academic Council (UAC). The proposals that will be approved by the UAC will be forwarded to the Board of Regents (BOR) for their final approval.

These new programs are expected to be offered in the VSU on SY 2018-2019.



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